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STATEMENT BY REPUBLICAN LEADER VILLINES ON JOINT HEALTH CARE PLAN BY ASSEMBLY AND SENATE DEMOCRATS

SACRAMENTO – Assembly Republican Leader Mike Villines, of Clovis, issued the following statement regarding today’s announcement by Speaker Núñez and Senator Perata that they will be combining their government-run health care proposals into a single measure. They will be pushing the proposal through the Legislature in the coming weeks:

“Pushing the largest tax increase on businesses in state history at a time when the state budget is billions of dollars out of balance is further proof that the Democrats are out-of-touch with the needs of hard-working California families. It is simply irresponsible for Democrats to propose a costly new government-run health care scheme while lawmakers are struggling to address the severe budget challenges caused by years of reckless overspending by the majority party.

“This plan will do nothing to address the rising costs of healthcare and will only devastate our state’s small businesses. Rather than place the entire burden on California’s small businesses, we should embrace common-sense reforms like those introduced by Assembly Republicans that will allow for more choices and access while reducing costs.”

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